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In re the Application of:

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For: **TIERED TRENCHING BACKHOE SYSTEM**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please add new claims 7 and 8 to the present reissue application:

7. A tiered trenching system having a bucket for trenching, comprising:

said trenching bucket having leading end edge and a trailing end edge, said edges being spaced from one another and oriented substantially parallel to one another;

lateral side edges extending between said leading and said trailing end edges;

first tooth mounting means secured to said leading end edge of said trenching bucket and oriented in a direction substantially orthogonal to said first end edge; and

second tooth mounting means secured to said first leading end edge and also oriented to said leading edge in an orientation substantially parallel to said first tooth mount, but spaced from said first tooth mount.

8. The tiered trenching system of claim 7, wherein means for coupling removably attach a pair of replaceable teeth to each of said first and second tooth mounts.